

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method of downloading copy protected dedicated applications to a user station from an application source comprising the steps of:

 sending an order for an application to an application source the order comprising at least ~~an~~ a unique identification information which identifies the user station and the user of the user station to the application source;

 upon identification, preparing a dedicated application by configuring a general application accessible to the application source to include the unique identification information specific to the user station; and

 downloading the dedicated application directly to the user station.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 including the further step of:

 comparing the unique identification information to identify the user station to the application source by using a library of identification information accessible to the application source.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein:

 before the step of downloading occurs, the steps occur of: saving the dedicated application to a location accessible by the user station and informing the user station that the dedicated application is ready to be downloaded to the user station from the location.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein:
the identification information includes time and date of dedicated application download information.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein:
the dedicated application is a setup application.
6. (Currently amended) The method ~~if~~ of claim 1 wherein:
the step of identifying identifies the user station for billing purposes;
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein:
the steps of sending the order, and downloading the dedicated application, occur via a wireless network.
8. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein:
the identification information is checked by the user station every time the dedicated application is run.
9. (Original) A method of directly automatically downloading copy protected applications from a distributor to a user station from an application source without requiring contact between a user of the user station and a manufacturer of the application comprising the steps of:
sending a template version of an application from a manufacturer to a distributor, the template version including a variable of known value;

ordering an application from the distributor including automatically identifying the user station via a code specific to the user station;

upon placing the order, automatically replacing the variable with the code specific to the user station to make the application a dedicated application which is copy protected, and which will only run on the user station with a matching code; and

automatically downloading the dedicated application to the user station.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein:

replacing the variable is performed by a binary patch method.

11. (Currently amended) ~~the~~ The method of claim 9 wherein:

the steps are performed over a wireless network.

12. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein:

the step of ordering includes automatically checking the code against a library of authorization codes accessible to the distributor.

13. (Original) A system for ordering and downloading copy protected dedicated applications to a user station from an application source, the system comprising:

a) a user station that signals at least one unique identification code when placing an order;

b) an application source responsive to the user station for receiving and checking the identification code for authentication purposes;

c) an application including a variable set by a manufacturer of the application, said application responsive to: a command for substituting the identification code for the variable to create a dedicated application, to a command for sending the dedicated application to the user station, to a command for executing the dedicated application at the user station, and to a command for comparing and matching the identification code of the application to the identification code of the user station.

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14. (Currently amended) The system of claim 13 further comprising:

a library of identification codes accessible to the user station for providing comparison data to the user station when the user station checks the identification code ~~signalled~~ signaled from the user station to the application source for authorization purposes.

15. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein the dedicated application has the additional feature of:

whenever the dedicated application is executed the identification code is checked.

16. (Currently amended) The system of claim 13 ~~further comprising~~ wherein:

the application source is located remotely from the manufacturer of the application.
